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BRITISH MIXTURE.—E. R. Whitman.
AGRICULTURAL WAREHOUSE.—Thos.
S. Gilliam.
TO LOVERS OF FLOWERS.—C. B. Fair-
child.
PREMIUMS OFFERED.—A. R. Venable.

Raleigh and Round-About.

—Selma is spreading herself.
—Mr. W. G. Burkhead will hang out
his shingle in Newton.

—The best kind of tables for all sorts
of dining rooms are—vege-tables.

—Charlotte will hold her Mardi-Gras
Ball on the 5th prox. and 500 invita-
tions are out.

—Read letters in our Correspondence
Department. Also, contributions in
Ladies' Department.

—A Granville county negro named
Dick Jenkins killed a 510 pound pig of
his own raising. *Mirabile dictu!*

—We invite the attention of our
brethren of the press to Col. Cameron's
editorial entitled "A Common Object."

—Lincolnton has a chair factory
that can furnish 7000 cane seat chairs
per annum; though the present yield
is only about 1,800.

—This is good. The Washington
Post says: "No joke attains sufficient
dignity to enter *Harper's Magazine*
until it is ten years old."

—A Washington young lady recently
refused an offer of marriage on the
grounds that her father was hardly
able to support his own children.

—The types made us say last week
that there are 102 students at the Uni-
versity—just sixty less than the true
number. May she soon have sixty
more!

—The promenade concert of the
Episcopal ladies aid societies was no
less successful than was to have been
expected from the popularity of the
managers.

—Mag. Wilson says he will have the
cars running to Gudger's Ford, seven
miles of Asheville, by July. This will
greatly lessen the hardships of moun-
tain travel for summer visitors.

—An advertiser in the *Recorder* in-
forms mankind that,—
"It isn't birth, nor rank, nor State,
It's got up an' git, that makes men
great."

—Dr. Pollard writes to Col. Polk,
that the Virginia Legislature is con-
sidering the features of our North Car-
olina fertilizer law with a view to its
adoption.

—Ben Hill, of Georgia, has been in-
vited to speak at Davidson College
commencement in June. This will
insure more than the cus-tomary crush,
and the flirtatious folk won't have half
a chance.

—From the reports of the local
papers there is more than ordinary re-
ligious interest in the State. Notices
of revivals and church extensions are
quite common in all the principal
localities.

—A meek little man up town, who
calls his wife "my gentle better-half"
when in company, has been heard,
privately to intimate that "old two-
thirds" would be nearer the literal
hardpan fact.

—Dr. P. H. Lewis, by invitation, on
Tuesday last, lectured to the young
ladies of St. Mary's on the subject of
"The Human Ear." There were a great
many pretty specimens of the human
ear listening to him.

—The Nebraska papers say that heaps
of corn are nearly as common in the
house-yards of that State as wood-piles
in other States, and for the same pur-
pose, to-wit—for fuel. Corn has been
as low as 7 cents a bushel.

—Two old negroes died last week—
both in Halifax—and both centenari-
anesses. One in Halifax, Nova Scotia,
named Mrs. Catharine Jarvis, an ex-
slave, aged 110. The other died in Hal-
ifax North Carolina, named Fanny
Paco, an ex-slave, aged 113. There is
written evidence in each case. Co-
incidence, isn't it?

—Messrs. H. & E. J. Lally of Fay-
etteville have purchased at public auc-
tion the well known "Beaver Creek"
factories—paying \$70,000 for the two.
Mr. John Shaw continues as president.
The two factories use 6000 spindles.

—Some of the strawberry gardens
near Charleston, S. C., pay \$50 a year
rent per acre, it is said, and make for-
tunes at it. How much better to buy
better land in North Carolina for \$5
an acre, with better freight facilities!

—Major T. W. Boswell, of Rich-
mond, Va., has sold his b k Outcast,
five years old, by imp. Leamington,
dam Oriana, by Deucalion; 2d dam
by Nina, by Boston, &c., Messrs.
Sharp & Raymond, of Tarboro, N. C.

—We have seen a small pamphlet on
the mines and minerals of North Caro-
lina, printed by the *Charlotte Observer*,
which is word for word an article on
the same subject taken from this pa-
per, and without the civility of so stat-
ing.

—Mrs. Bachelor, Mrs. Tucker, and
Mrs. Devereux have consented to take
the management of the Bal Masque to-
morrow evening, and we need scarcely
say this secures the success of the
affair. A large number of invitations
are out.

—We "swore off" of pun-making at
the 1st of the year, but in considering
this "dog-law" agitation we must
remark that nobody wishes to exter-
minate the better breed of dogs; it is the
worthless curs that are the curse of the
country.

—Insane Asylum Directors meet
March 6. George D. Green, Esq., of
Wilson, being forced by private busi-
ness to resign his commission, Gov.
Vance appointed Col. Julius Lewis to
fill the vacancy. He will make an ex-
cellent director.

—The town marshal of Marion, Mc-
Dowell county, is instructed to shoot
every dog seen on the streets. Here
we see the excellent results of the
"mad-dog" scare. Everybody who
owns a valuable dog will keep him
chained, whereas the worthless curs
will be exterminated.

—The parties in the National Senate
are nearly balanced. Vice President
Wheeler having gone West, it became
necessary to elect a temporary
Chairman. Thomas W. Ferry, of
Michigan, was chosen, beating Senator
Thurman by one vote.

—The Toledo Convention, which
convened on Friday last, organized a
new party under the name of "The
National Party." It embraces the
greenback, the labor, and the Infla-
tion, elements of both the old parties.
The convention was well attended, by
many prominent men.

—The church of the Good Shepherd
was crowded on Tuesday evening to
witness the marriage of Mr. Jos. R.
Wrenn and Miss M. C. McCallister.
There were four couples of attendants
and several ushers. Rev. Mr. Rich-
ard administered the sacrament, and
the joyous party returned to the residence
of the bride's father to pass a pleasant
evening.

—Marshals of Davidson College
Commencement: W. H. Neel, chief;
D. H. Hill, Jr., E. C. Smith of Raleigh,
W. H. Cozart and Arthur Foster, as-
sistant marshals. Neel, Hill and
Smith are North Carolinians and
clever young men. The above are
members of the "Philanthropic;" the
"Eumenean" has not yet chosen its
representatives.

—After the railroad accident in Vir-
ginia on Sunday, one man was seen
leaning against the car, looking like a
corpse, and perfectly still. On being
asked if he was hurt, he opened his eyes,
and almost screamed—"Good God, am
I alive?" He was scared nearly to
death, but not hurt in the least. One
of Alice Oates' opera troupe got one
of his fingers mashed, yet roared and
bellowed worse than Donnelly, who
had both legs pinched off. But we
will wager that same simpleton is on
the stage this moment winning wo-
men's hearts by playing the bold hero!
Bah!

—The editor of the *Southern Home*
has been spending some days in Wash-
ington, and gives anything but a rosy
picture of the "cave of the winds"
commonly called Congress. The House
he found very noisy and disorderly;
the lobbyists swarm like gnats around
a dead government mule; Judge David
Davis looks like a hoghead wrapped
up in coffee-sacks; The Western court
won't be abolished, and so forth, and
so on.

—Speaking of the telephone, we
suggest that hereafter there will be
no special need of church edifices. The
members of the congregation can have
wires connecting the ministers study
with the family breakfast table, so
that the sermon may be enjoyed in
peace and comfort. True, this will
interrupt the criticism of one's neigh-
bors attire; but after all we don't know
that it is a necessary feature of reli-
gious worship.

—The fact mentioned by the Com-
missioner of Patents that the majority
of patents now being issued are to
Southerners will overturn the old
fashioned sneers at the South for lack
of inventive genius. In truth, it was
ever unjust; for many of the most
famous inventions were of Southern
origin. We mention the reaper, cot-
ton gin, revolver, Gatling gun, tele-
graph, etc., etc. Some of these claims
will be denied, but that is expected.

—President McCosh, of Princeton
College, has expelled 10, and suspended
40, of the rowdy students who partici-
pated in the recent "Hazing" Riot. It
is to be hoped this will break up the
shameful practices that have so long
prevailed in this and other colleges.
We are pleased to notice no southern
names among the expelled, and we
learn from a letter from young Creech
(son of our well known townsman)
that the Southerners discountenanced
the whole proceeding.

—The Newbern public meeting to
urge upon Congress the utility of im-
proving Neuse River navigation, was
addressed by Judge Manly, Col. John
S. Long, Geo. Allen, Esq., and
others of the first men of the city.
The Goldsboro and Kinston peo-
ple also, are aroused to the impor-
tance of this measure. We trust the
day is not far distant when men will
say, "How could it have been possible
we were ever without this essential
channel for trade?"

C. H. writes from Herrysburg, Penn-
sylvania, that he designs coming to
North Carolina next year to take up
his residence; is a farmer by occupa-
tion and choice; could bring about \$4-
000 for investment; is very anxious to
see a copy of Prof. Kerr's geological
report; will pay for a copy rather than
miss seeing it, &c. &c. Two letters
this week have asked us for copies of
the report of our State Geologist; yet
there are those who think these pub-
lications do no good.

—There is a church built of paper,
near Berlin, Prussia, which can con-
tain nearly one thousand persons. It
is circular within, octagonal without.
The reliefs outside and statues within,
the roof, ceiling, the Corinthian capi-
tals, are all *papier mache*, rendered
waterproof by saturating in vitriol,
lime-water, whey, and white of eggs.
When we think of a psalm sung by a
thousand voices pealing through a
splendid edifice made of old rags, we
feel as though we had lost the right to
be surprised at any future achieve-
ments of science and art.

—North Carolina may as well "dry
up" on sweet potato stories. Colonel
Aiken says that there was recently re-
ceived at the Department of the In-
terior (a good place to receive 'em, too.)
a mammoth sweet potato from the
sand hills of Colorado, weighing
exactly TWENTY pounds! Of course
it had lost some weight by evaporation,
and drying, during its long trip across
the continent. Still, a pot to weigh-
ing even 20 pounds, in its stocking
feet, and as big as a bushel basket round
the waist, is a considerable huckleberry
above our persimmon, so to speak.

—More than one thousand birds (750
were actually counted, besides others
swept off) lighted upon the steamer
Continental, in Long Island Sound a
few nights ago. When morning
dawned several wheel-barrow loads of
the dead were swept off the decks.
They had been attracted by the lights,
and were killed by striking against the
spars and smokestacks.

—The New York *Journal of Com-
merce*, after careful study of the statis-
tics, puts down the losses during the
Rebellion at 75,000 Confederates and
304,000 Federals—total, 379,000. This
admits that there were 229,000 more of
the Federals killed and died than of
Rebels. Yet when Southern writers
tell how Lee fought battle after battle
against odds of two, three and four, to
his one, there is no end to the howl-
ing!

—L. J. McCormick has offered to
present to Virginia University a \$50,-
000 telescope, provided the friends of
the college will have it properly mount-
ed, &c. The students held a meet-
ing, and appointed a committee (Full-
er, of this State, is one) to appeal to
the Alumni. The Virginia Colleges
are receiving gifts from all directions
while our North Carolina Institutions
have nothing but their own merit to
sustain them.

—Randolph county sent to the
"Pen" last week, John Kelly, a white
man, 19 years for stealing; Elijah Wil-
son, col., 3 years for sheep stealing.
Pasquotank sent Reuben Freshwater
2 years for stealing. New Hanover,
Joe Miller 5 years for false swearing;
John Newkirk, 6 years for stealing.
Warren sent 4 negroes, Ed. Butler,
Tom Hunt, Sawney Davis, Jud. Cren-
shaw—stealers. Carteret sent two,
both sable and sad, silently speeding
from the salt sea shore to Swananoa's
stockade for stealing—s's's!

—To be born in jail is a dark enough
beginning for life, even for a darkey,
but to be born in a felon's cell, of
parents both awaiting the hangman's
noose is almost too harsh for fiction.
Yet this is what happened in Orange
county jail the other day, Sandy Hop-
son and wife being the progenitors.
They await trial for the murder of a
fellow freedman, Fowler Davis, near
Chapel Hill in July last. The trial was
called at Alamance court last week,
but postponed until Fall term, owing
to defective papers.

HALIFAX, N. C.,
Feb. 26th, 1878. A
MESSRS. EDITORS:—I wish to culti-
vate a small crop of navy beans this
year, and have been advised that two
crops can be made on the same ground
in one year, but as I have never had
much experience in farming and have
had none in the cultivation of the bean
alluded to, I would like to hear from
some of the readers of the FARMER AND
MECHANIC who have had ample expe-
rience, in full explanation as to how
and when the ground should be pre-
pared, the kind and quantity of fertil-
izer, space between rows, space be-
tween hills, number of beans to each
hill, the manner of cultivation and the
practicability of two crops in one
year, &c.

Very truly,
GEO. T. SIMMONS.

MORE HOLOCAUSTS.—Recently we
gave a list of nine persons who had
been burned to death within the month
in North Carolina. Three other cases
have since been added. And now we
continue the list:

No. 13th. The colored child in this
city Sunday morning.

No. 14th. A little negro girl living
at Mr. Ellison Moore's, in Anson coun-
ty, on Tuesday night, ignited her dress
at the fire place, and was burned to
death.

No. 15th. Geo. Poppy, a young man,
formerly from Wilmington, who keeps
a grocery about five miles from Mon-
roe, awoke on Sunday night to find
the house burning at several places.
He got out with much difficulty, but
could not extinguish his burning night
clothes until roasted so that he can
scarcely recover. The *Express* thinks
the design of the incendiaries was to
burn him alive.

No. 16th.—next?

—*Apropos* the subject of false im-
prisonment in mad-houses, of which
we mentioned last week a notable case
(Miss Dickie, who was confined seven
years in a New York asylum, by her
greedy relatives), the trial of Dr. H. T.
Holmbold, the well known "Buchu"
quack, is bringing to light many facts
that go to show how frequently and
foully the Northern asylums are used
to get rid of persons who are in the
way of their friends and relatives.
Judge Curtis, speaking of Holmbold,
said—"Siberian bloodhounds do not
hunt down their victims more remorse-
lessly than the Doctor has been hunted
down by his brother, and the other
conspirators." Two of his teeth had
been knocked down his throat, his
finger wrenched out of joint, and his
tongue permanently injured by the
boot-heel of one of the demons who
dragged him to "that earthly hell"
the mad-house. Fortunately, in North
Carolina we have no private mad-
houses, and our Lunatic Asylum is
conducted on the theory of mental,
rather than physical, control.

—A sad accident occurred on the
Richmond and Fredericksburg Rail-
road, on Sunday night, resulting in
the death of Mr. W. C. Mainwaring,
private Secretary of President Robin-
son, of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad,
and the serious crippling of three or
four others. They were in the sleeping
car which became uncoupled, but fol-
lowed swiftly down the grade after
the next train. All would have gone
on well had not some excited passen-
ger pulled the bell rope, thus signal-
ing the engineer to stop. The con-
ductor jumped off and waved his lan-
tern to go ahead; but it was too late,
and just as the sleeper crashed into
the rear of the passenger coach, three
men came out on the platform. Main-
waring was caught, and killed. Fred F.
Faulkner, of Richmond, lost both legs,
and two other men were painfully
hurt. One named Donnell, was caught
between the cars, and could not be
relieved for more than an hour; though
the combined strength of sixty men
was exerted to pull apart the coaches.
He begged, and plead, with them to
kill him, and put him out of his mis-
ery. Mrs. Alice Oates, and her troupe,
were on the train. It will hardly be
worth while to remark that passen-
gers had better not interfere with the
management of trains.

INCENDIARY MURDER.—A little after
2 o'clock a. m., on Sunday, a fire broke
out in the shed room of a building,
near the Rescue engine house, occu-
pied by negroes. Up-stairs a woman
slept with her babe by her side, and a
six year old daughter on a pallet. At
the alarm, finding the stairway in
flames, the mother threw her infant
from the window, into the arms of
another woman outside. Then she
jumped herself—expecting her daugh-
ter to follow—she says. But the child
stood screaming at the window until
the flames licked her back into their
jaws. Accidental causes somewhat
delayed the firemen; but when they
got at work, the fire was speedily sub-
dued, and the charred little corpse
recovered. The negroes declare that
there was no fire in the building, which
strengthened the belief that it was set
on fire to attract attention from the
Stronach store robbery.

SAD! SAD!—It is scarcely a fortnight
since these sympathetic words were
penned by Capt. E. C. Woodson, city
editor of the *Observer*, in alluding to a
sudden death near town; they now
must be applied to his own untimely
taking off. After an illness of four
days, he surrendered his life at 2:15
a. m. on Saturday. The announcement
was at once a surprise, and a source of
sorrowing regret to all who knew him;
and probably few young men were
more widely known in the State. His
popularity in the city was attested by
the unusual assemblage at the First
Baptist Church to attend the funeral,
which took place at 3 p. m. on Sab-
bath; Rev. C. T. Bailey preaching the

sermon. The burial ceremonies were
conducted by the Masonic Order at
Oakwood Cemetery; the remains being
escorted thither by Hiram Lodge, the
editors of the *Observer*, the Raleigh
Printers' Union, and a large concourse
of sympathizing friends, in carriages
and on foot. There is heartfelt sym-
pathy throughout the community for
the afflicted family of the deceased.

BURGLARIES.—About 2 o'clock, a. m.,
on Sunday, a few minutes before the
fire alarm sounded, some villain coolly
turned off the gas from the street
lamp at the head of Fayetteville street,
in front of the old N. C. Bookstore,
now occupied by the Stronach Bros.
as a family grocery. The next step
was to break the thick plate-glass win-
dow, enter the store, empty a sack of
corn, and re-pack the bag with 25
boxes cigars, 2 cases smoking tobacco,
a lot snuff, &c.—estimated at the value
of \$150. Then the villains—for there
must have been more than one—took
themselves off to hide their plunder,
and congratulate themselves on having
neatly robbed a store in the very heart
of the capital.

Perhaps they were disappointed in
not making a better haul; for on Sun-
day afternoon, Mr. F. B. Hill, upon
returning from the funeral of Capt.
Woodson, found that his store in the
Wayne Alcott, building near the old
fair grounds had been entered and
robbed of \$12 or \$15, and, perhaps
other articles.

MENTION.

Sheriff Manning of Clarendon, S. C.,
succeeded by blowing out his brains;
which by the way, was a great waste
of raw material, considering the scar-
city of the times.—\$123,000 of the
notes and assets of the late Thos. W.
Dewey's bank, in Charlotte, realized
only about \$117, at public vendue.—
Prof. W. J. Martin, of Davidson Col-
lege, has been engaged to analyze the
remains of Mrs. Pethel, of Mooresville,
suspected of being poisoned by her
husband.—*I've Done De* says, S. H.
Fishblate, the new Mayor of Wilming-
ton, is the first Jew elected to office in
North Carolina.—J. C. Gordon, the
great grandson, writes to the *Torch-
light* that there is no mistake in the
story about old Archibald Gordon, of
Granville, having twenty-seven sons,
and not only that, but Wm. Gordon,
the second of the twenty-seven, had 15
children, ten of whom were sons, and
all in the confederate army at once.
Gordon is a nice name, but we should
be a little afraid to marry a girl of that
name, if we were going to settle in
Granville.—G. S. Bellis, of Halifax,
writes a good letter in favor of the
"Fence law."—Rev. Seth Morgan, of
Pasquotank has married more than
500 couples. The cruel man! Kill
him before he adds more misery to
the sum total of a matrimonial mad-
ness.—Prof. M. E. Hyams is prepar-
ing a botanical display for Paris Exhi-
bition in the interests of Wallace Bros.,
of Statesville. Mr. Hyams wrote for
the FARMER AND MECHANIC the article
on the Botanical resources of North
Carolina, which occasioned general
surprise that our State could produce
so great, and valuable, variety of medi-
cinal roots and herbs.—Rev. H. S.
Bell, of Pender, has received a call to
a Presbyterian church near Philadel-
phia.—Rockingham and Lumberton
churches have united in a "call" of
Rev. T. J. Allison.—John Spelman,
Esq., it is stated, will soon begin the
publication of a paper at Salisbury.
He is an experienced, and energetic
journalist—and, in a reasonably open
field, is bound to succeed.

—At the Spring Term, 1878, of Ran-
dolph Superior Court, Lewis Skeen was
convicted of the crime of arson, and
sentenced to be hanged. The Govern-
or has commuted this sentence to im-
prisonment for life, at hard labor, in
the State's Prison, upon recommenda-
tion of the Judge, Solicitor, prosecutor,
jury and many of the best citizens of
Randolph. The criminal is a white
youth aged 16 years.